

MARIN COUNTY
STAR Expansion and Enhancement Program – (\$997,214 grant)

Marin's STAR expansion program is rooted in the evidence-based Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model and includes the implementation of several new program components. The core of Marin's program is the expansion of the multi-disciplinary ACT team and services. Grant funds support additional case managers (one of whom is bi-lingual), an Employment Specialist who provides vocational education, a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and additional psychiatric time. Program enhancements include a "Family Partner" who provides increased family support and outreach, an Accounting Assistant to educate clients in finance management and a Substance Abuse Specialist who assesses and supervises offenders with co-occurring disorders.

While in-custody, mentally ill offenders receive a comprehensive assessment and coordinated discharge plan by means of the APIC (Assessment, Planning, Identification and Coordination) model. This re-entry tool is executed by the Jail Assessment and Planning Team comprised of a Mental Health Case Manager, a jail-based Crisis Specialist and Substance Abuse Specialist. This tool will be used to identify individual treatment plans and service coordination for approximately 120 individuals.

Other components of the STAR program include the expansion of Marin's successful Mental Health Court (serving an additional 10 clients) and the development of the Bridge Services program which includes supported probation case management (estimated to refer and track approximately 50 clients in community programs) and a post-intensive "Step Down" program. This program will be monitored by a Peer Case Aide along with the ACT Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and serve approximately 15 offenders who have proven to be successful in maintaining housing, medication compliance and have a lack of criminal activity.

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